

REMARKS

The above-referenced application has been accorded an allowance date and is being prepared for issuance. However, the Patent Office objected to the Formal Drawings filed in conjunction with the patent application filed on March 31, 2006, on the grounds that the drawings contain foreign text. In response, Applicants respectfully submit new replacement drawings, Figures 1-13 which are now devoid of foreign text. Applicants respectfully assert that the replacement drawings submitted herewith are now in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.121(d). No new matter has been introduced by these replacement drawings. The "foreign text" is a Japanese Kanji character that translates to the English word "Figure".

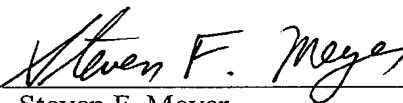
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required for consideration of this Communication to Deposit Account No. **504827**, Order No.

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APPENDIX